

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1166 - HB 1556

April 16, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, subject to the availability of funding, to establish and operate a toll-free telephone line for reporting violence in schools or potential violence in schools. This telephone service shall be operated using only existing staff and resources. The telephone service shall be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There shall also be an operator available to respond to a crisis call by contacting the appropriate office, agency, or individual. The toll-free telephone number shall be posted conspicuously in the public elementary and secondary schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- The toll-free TBI FIND number is currently being promoted and used to handle calls of this nature. It is estimated that by using the existing line, any increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Existing staff and other resources will be used.
- Since the bill does not require signs to be made of metal or plastic, materials used for signage could be made from paper products to reduce or eliminate costs.
- Any cost associated with printing and posting the telephone number in the school buildings is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director